a pair of coaxial mounting shafts provided on the support, each mounting shaft being displaceable between a mounting position and a removing position;

each mounting shaft to be received by one of the holes, respectively, when in the mounting position and each mounting shaft spaced apart from the respective hole when in the removing position; and

biasing means for urging each coaxial mounting shaft away from each other.

4. A portable information terminal according to claim **3**, wherein the biasing means comprises a spring.

5. A portable information terminal according to claim **2**, wherein said hinge mechanism comprises:

a recess defined in the unit body, said recess having a first surface having a first hole;

a support provided on the cover, the support to be received in the recess;

a mounting shaft provided on the support, said mounting shaft being displaceable between a mounting position and a removing position;

the mounting shaft to be received by the hole when the mounting shaft is in the mounting position; and

biasing means for urging the mounting shaft into the mounting position.

6. A portable information terminal according to claim **5**, wherein the biasing means comprises a spring.

7. A portable information terminal according to claim **1**, wherein said CPU is connected to said display for changing display modes of said display.

8. A portable information terminal according to claim **7**, wherein said CPU changes the display modes of said display when said detection switch detects the closed position of the cover.

9. A portable information terminal according to claim **1**, wherein a resilient member is mounted on said operating button device at a portion coming into contact with the surface of said pressure-sensitive input device.

10. A portable information terminal, comprising:

a unit body including a display and a pressure-sensitive input device overlying said display, said display and said pressure-sensitive input device being assembled in said unit body;

said pressure-sensitive input device having a pressure-sensitive surface;

a cover, pivotally attached to said unit body for covering said pressure-sensitive input device; and

a protrusion for exerting, when said cover is in a closed position, a pressing force onto the pressure-sensitive surface, wherein:

the cover has a pen receptacle formed therein; and

the terminal further includes an input pen having said protrusion thereon,

said input pen being received in said pen receptacle, whereby when said cover is in the closed position, the protrusion is brought into contact with the pressure-sensitive surface to exert the pressing force onto the surface of said pressure-sensitive input device.

11. A portable information terminal according to claim **10**, wherein said protrusion has a tip; and a resilient member for resiliently coming into contact with the pressure-sensitive surface is mounted on the tip.

12. A portable information terminal according to claim **10**, wherein the protrusion is on a back surface of the cover.

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